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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
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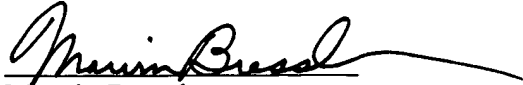
Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 7, 2004 applicants elect, for prosecution on the merits in this application, the invention denoted by Group VII, encompassing Claims 1 to 31, drawn to a method of treating pain by using compounds with the Formula (I), where W is defined as Formula (i), wherein X_1 is O or S, classified in Class 514, subclasses 361, 363. This election is made with traverse.

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